

2013 Deer Trustee Report Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is presented then followed by additional background information.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

H.5. There is a need for a long-term research plan (developed through [a research steering committee]), based on needs assessments, and prioritized for funding.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

- Recommend a 10-year goal/plan commitment with a major review after 5 years, and annual assessments.
- Switch depredation funding from license and application fees to general purpose revenues and use license fees for wildlife research.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information to help others understand the proposed idea and perspective behind it.

- Reference: 5-year time horizon for research proposals
- Need a big picture goal and a 10-year goal commitment. Revisit goals on a 5-year basis and annually.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks to your proposal and possible remedies to address these during implementation.

- Funding fluctuations
- Changes in membership of the research committee, the political environment, Department staffing (vacancies), and environmental factors have the potential to impact the functionality of the team.
- A description of how the DNR understands its mission to apply to deer management.

4. Overall, consider and describe how the proposal might simplify or complicate deer hunting, management or scientific research in Wisconsin?

- Could modify expectations of hunters or the public.
- Will improve research continuity over time.
- Can advocate for research funding.